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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/751,607	Applicant(s) WU ET AL.	
	Examiner Vip Patel	Art Unit 2879	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Response to Amendment

In response to the applicant's amendment received, the changes requested by the applicant to the claims have been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2, 4, 7, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Biazzo et al (US 4164678).

Regarding claim 1, Biazzo discloses an electrode (figure 4) comprising a plurality of bus line conductors (R^1_j) having a first width, a plurality of pads (P^{1ij}) having a widest section (at full curvature point) having a maximum width that is wider than the first width, a wider section (below the full curvature point) of the pad that has smaller width than the widest section but larger width than the width of the bus line conductor) that is narrower than the maximum width and intersecting the bus line conductor.

As per claims 2 and 7, the wider section of Biazzo has a gradually increasing width or gradually increasing line width (see figure 4).

As per claim 4, the wider section of Biazzo has a curved profile (see figure 4).

As per claim 11, the widest section of Biazzo has a curved profile (see figure 4)

Claims 1, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Admitted prior art (prior art figure 5).

Regarding claim 1, admitted prior art discloses an electrode (prior art figure 5) comprising a plurality of bus line conductors (104 of figure 5) having a first width, a plurality of pads (102 of figure 5) having a widest section (not labeled but seen in figure 5) having a maximum width that is wider than the first width, a wider section (any

section of the pad that has smaller width than the widest section but larger width than the width of the bus line conductor) that is narrower than the maximum width and intersecting the bus line conductor.

Regarding claim 12, the prior art's widest section has a straight profile (see figure 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 5, 6, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Biazzo et al (US 4164678).

Biazzo discloses all limitations of claims 5, 6, and 8-10 except the wider section having tapered profile, straight tapered profile, abruptly increased line width, two tapered profiles, and the widest section having pointed profile. However, these claimed profiles are variances of claimed profiles (i.e., a gradually increasing width or gradually increasing line width, two curved profile, a straight profile) which are already disclosed by Biazzo (see rejection of claims under 35 USC 102). Therefore, these different variances (i.e., shape of pad) are design alternative. Alternatively, these limitations are not deemed patentable since the applicant's disclosure fails to show such limitations to solve any problems or to yield any unobvious advantage that is not within the scope

of the teachings applied. Therefore, such limitations would be a matter of design alternative.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vip Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-2458. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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